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RULES OF PROCEDURE FOR THE PANELS

FOR SUB-AREAS 1, 3, 4 AND 5

(Adopted at Meetings of Panels for Sub-Areas 1, 3, and 4, April 6, 1951; and Meeting of Panel for Sub-Area 5, April 7, 1951).

NOTE: Organization of Panel for Sub-Area 2 deferred pending additional membership.

Representation

Rule 1

Each Contracting Government to the International Convention for the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries, concluded at Washington on February 8, 1949, hereafter referred to as the Convention, and which participates on the Panel, shall be represented on the Panel by its Commissioner or Commissioners, who may be assisted by experts or advisers.

Rule 2

A representative or representatives of any Advisory Committee established by any Contracting Government participating in the Panel in accordance with Article V (1) of the Convention may, with the assent of the Contracting Government concerned, attend as observers all non-executive meetings of the Panel. Prior to each meeting of the Panel the Commissioners shall inform the Executive Secretary of the names of such Advisory Committee members authorized to attend.

Rule 3

Commissioners of Contracting Governments not participating in the Panel shall have the right to attend the meetings of the Panel as observers, and may be accompanied by experts and advisers. Prior to attendance at any meeting of the Panel, such Commissioners shall inform the Executive Secretary or Panel Chairman of their attendance and of the names of experts and advisers accompanying them.

Voting

Rule 4

Each Government participating in the Panel shall have one vote, which shall be cast by a Commissioner representing that Government. Observers, experts, and advisers may address meetings of the Panel but shall not be entitled to vote.

Rule 5

Except as provided in Rule 12 decisions of the Panel shall be taken by a two-thirds majority of the votes of all the Governments participating in the Panel. Votes shall be taken by a show of hands, by roll call in the English alphabetical order of the names of the countries, or by ballot, as in the opinion of the Chairman appears to be most suitable.

Rule 6

Between meetings of the Panel or in the case of an emergency, a vote of the Commissioners of the Governments which participate in the Panel may be taken by mail, or other means of communication, in which case decisions also shall be taken by a two-thirds majority of the votes of all the Governments participating in the Panel.

Chairman

Rule 7

The Panel shall elect from its members a Chairman for a term of two years who shall be eligible for re-election but not to a succeeding term. If the office of Chairman is vacated a new Chairman may be elected at the next meeting of the Panel for the unexpired balance of the term.

Rule 8

The powers and duties of the Chairman shall be:

- (a) to declare the opening and closing of each meeting of the Panel;
- (b) to preside at all meetings of the Panel;
- (c) to decide all questions of order raised at meetings of the Panel, subject to the right of the Commissioner of any participating Government to request that any ruling by the Chairman shall be submitted to the Panel for decision by vote;
- (d) to call for votes and to announce the result of the vote to the Panel;
- (e) to determine after consultation with the Commissioners of the Governments participating in the Panel the provisional order of business for the Panel meeting held in conjunction with the annual Commission meeting, and to submit it to the Commission for transmittal to all Contracting Governments and Commissioners by the Executive Secretary not less than 60 days in advance of the meeting;

- (f) to sign on behalf of the Panel a summary report of each meeting of the Panel for submission to the Commission and the participating Governments on the Panel;
- (g) generally, to make such decisions and give such directions to the Executive Secretary as will ensure, especially in the interval between the meetings of the Panel, that the business of the Panel is carried out efficiently and in accordance with its decisions.

Report

Rule 9

A summary report of the proceedings of all meetings of the Panel shall be prepared and submitted to the Chairman of the Panel.

Order of Business

Rule 10

No order of business which involves amendment of the rules of procedure or recommendations or reports under Articles VI (2), VII, or VIII (3) of the Convention shall be the subject of a decision by the Panel unless the subject matter has been included in the provisional order of business which has been circulated through the Executive Secretary to all Commissioners at least 60 days in advance of the meeting at which the matter is to be discussed.

Financial

Rule 11

The Panel shall not incur any expenditure except in accordance with directions given by the Commission.

Meetings

Rule 12

The Panel shall hold a regular annual meeting in conjunction with the annual meeting of the Commission. Any other meetings of the Panel may be called by the Chairman at such time and place as may be agreed upon by a simple majority of the Governments participating in the Panel.

Committees

Rule 13

The Panel may establish such Committees as it considers to be required from time to time.

Language of the Panel

Rule 14

English shall be the official and working language of the Panel but if desired any other language may be used, it being understood that persons doing so will provide their own interpreters. All official reports, recommendations and communications of the Panel shall be in English.

Record of Meetings

Rule 15

A summary report of all meetings of the Panel shall be submitted by the Chairman thereof to the Commission.

Amendment of Rules of Procedure

Rule 16

These rules of procedure may be amended from time to time by a two-thirds majority of the votes of all of the Governments participating in the Panel, provided they are not inconsistent with provisions of the Convention.

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